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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, PINT, UG
SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON IMPENDING UGANDAN EXECUTIONS

REF: STATE 214112

1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL I IMMEDIATELY GOT IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT BONGO'S PRIVATE SECRETARY WHO ARRANGED FOR ME TO MEET WITH BONGO AT SHORTLY AFTER NOON TODAY. BEFORE I HAD EVEN FINISHED MAKING THE POINTS PARA 2 REFTEL, PRESIDENT BONGO ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATELEGRAM TO BE SENT TO AMIN REQUESTING THE EXECUTIONS NOT RPT NOT BE BE CARRIED OUT. PRESIDENT BONGO ONLY DICTATED BROAD OUTLINES OF TELEGRAM BUT DIRECTED THAT IT BE SENT IN HIS CAPACITY AS OAU PRESIDENT AS WELL AS GABONESE PRESIDENT. THE MESSAGE WAS TO APPEAL TO AMIN "IN THE NAME OF AFRICA AND ISLAM" TO RECONSIDER THE SENTENCES AND IN ANY CASE NOT TO CARRY THEM OUT TOMORROW. PRESIDENT BONGO SAID IT SHOULD CONTAIN AN APPEAL TO AMIN'S VANITY ALONG THE LINES THAT AMIN WOULD BE EVEN MORE PRESTIGIOUS IN THE WORLD IF HE PREVENTED THE EXECUTIONS.

2. PRESIDENT BONGO SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT PRESIDENT CONFIDENTIAL

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TOLBERT HAD SENT A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO AMIN AND HE SEEMED SOMEWHAT RELIEVED THAT WE WERE ALSO ASKING PRESIDENTS NIMEIRI AND MOBUTO TO INTERVENE. ON THE OTHER HAND PRESIDENT BONGO DID NOT MUCH RELISH HIS INTERVENTION WITH AMIN AND COMMENTED THAT EACH TIME HE DID SOMETHING SIMILAR, AS HE HAD DONE IN THE GOLDSMITH CASE WITH BOKASSA, THAT IT COST HIM CONSIDERABLE.

3. OTHER ITEMS BEING REPORTED SEPTELS. YATES

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